(c) and (d) Government are aware of collaboration between Pakistan and Chifla in a number of defence related projects including that relating to the development of a Main Battle Tank MBT 2000 (Ai khalid) Governm.nt have .iiinhj;nN ed, in bilateral and multilateral fora, its concern at the continuing supply by China of sophisticated weupo-n> and related technology to Pakistan beyond its legitimate requirements. Government have made it clear that this poses a threat to India's security and is not conducive to the main'en.nce of peace and stability in the region. Government have fteen taking neces sgry steps to safeguard 'he security and natoial inte-e=t and will con tlrlue to do so in keeping with its assessment of developments pertaining to India's security environment.

Fak* travel and telephone btlfa in ICCR

2500. SHRI RAINATH SINGH
'SURYA: SHR1 S. MUTHU MANI.

W.11 the PRIM1 MINISTER be pleased to state:

fal whether Gvernmenl are aware of mail* racket In fake travel and telc-*f* hills in the ICCR:

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA): (a) No, Sir. There is no such "racket in fake tra. vel or telephone bills" in the ICCR. The Council's accounts are audited every year by the Comptroller & Auditor General of India and such irregularities have not been indicated by them. Additionally the latest report of the Standing Committee on External Affairs of Parliament which went into the working of the ICCR j ctAisiderabie details has no reference u Such a racket in Travel and Telephos bills.

to) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) Not applicable.

(el Question does not arise.

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2501. SHRiMATI JAYANTI PATNA1K: Will the PRIME M.N1STER « tl to state:

(a) the neas in which indina as bruckhed have estibished bilated ties

(b) whether any joint agreement has been the areas of com mon in tazest to both the countires

THE MINSITER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERWAN

(a) the basic framework of bilateran relations between indina and Bhutan ins the trety of friendship and cooprhas bilateral economic cooperation has been established between indnia and Bhutan the areas of bydoel power gological as plotical technical cooperation aires construction road contruction electrical distribution minig health educaths and tele communication indin is the press cipal donor of aid for the economic drest lopment of butan

(b) The India-Bhutan Trade and Commerce Agreement was renewed in February 1995 and is effective for a five year period from March 1995. Other Agreement signed between the two countries include those relating to (1) implementation of the Jaldhaka Hydro-electric Project in September 1961; (2) exchange of Postal parcels in December in 1970 (3) Chukha Hydro-electric Project

.lurch iy/4; *(4)* Air Services in Sep:em-ber 1991; (5*)* Standby credit to the Royal goverment ot tinuiaj \n March *L9J5,* jnd 16) u.do-Bhuian Survey Collooorat on i'io,ecis in March 19V6.

Agreements have also been signed between tlie two countries in respejt of the following major projects being currently M:', up jn Bhutan:—

«i rala Hydroelectric Project (1020 MW): A bilateral Agreement tor llihis Project between Oovernmeni of JnJia and Government of Bhutan was signed in March 19%.

(ii) Kurjchu Hydro-electric Project (4J j\V): The bilate.al Agreement lor this Project was signed in February 1994.

(iii) D^-r.gsum Cement Plant kupa- city 0.5 million tons per year). The Agreement :Jr the aettfeig up o." trie DunTsum cement plant signed in March 1996

(d) India enjoy* a close and trouble fire relaUoaibip wuh Bhutan character!. •f M-IH at various level, and economic corporation in a w>de nag* >t sectors, to mutual benefit.

Possibilities of indina becoming a perment member of security council

2502 SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR will PRIME MINISTER to peleased to state

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if so. Ike detail, thereef

• nether Government propane to adopt pw«t*t etratejtoi to tacVie o-tt moves of our niigaaaari aad jQaw toatoMr a—stria, of UNO aad idi if so, the details thereof aad if not, t le reason tbe.efor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMMT KAMI A SlNHAi: (a) 10 (di Discussions on UN Se.unty Council reform, including the espans.on m iho BtnoMer of perrfantiii and non-perm*cii; members, a'e con jnusig. The mandate of the Open Ended Working Group set up r»y itie UN General Assembly oae betti extended by ano.her >ear, wisN enable, ji <o surmii ii$_s$ repoei, including "any eg eed reccrnmen latins" by the end of the -*-nd Session o.' the IN General Assembly The Government keep, the ii-bjCUion under ,onstam MljcV, taking in-io account the posit ion, adopted by una Non-Aligned Movement, the various other piofvssals under c»n,ideraiion and the evoVsvng SCCBMS*. We trow unto-scored the need for a eoa-diccnaiinilory tea in ibe aale.tioa of nest permanent members vad adoption «f global criteria for their selection.

Indina s Represetatins in security council

M1RI RAHASRIHARI BARIK P K I M i vtisisn R be ~~pit~~ and Is Meat

ia) whether the Secant) Oaawl pro-poaes to etec> Use Permanent Mem~~ber~~s, with a view to broaden me the repreara-. the devaloping world,

whether India « one of the-st mtione in the devetopaag v*oetd; and f so, *tbt* efforts sssade by the Government to represent Aate m the aaCaai'T Couacfl aa a Pe~~rman~~t Maateer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA): (a) to (c) Discussions on UN Security Council reform, including the expansion in the number of permanent and non-permanent members are continuing. A number of proposals are under consideration. df argiaaai. an aadar a~~v~~ail I